

PETITION

From The
Co-op Members and Customers of Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation
To

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We, the **Co-op Members** and **Customers** of Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, wish to bring to your attention our concerns relating to the FCC's implementation of the USF/ICC Transformation Order, especially the FCC's use of the Quantile Regression Analysis (QRA). We have been made aware of the effects of the FCC reform by Chariton Valley's staff and are deeply concerned about not only the effects of the reform, but also that the FCC is moving in a direction that may have unintended consequences for consumers in rural areas. We live in high cost rural communities, where Chariton Valley has invested – with the encouragement and support of the federal government – in building state of the art telecommunications networks in areas no other provider was willing to serve. We are especially concerned that implementation of the QRA, which the FCC has acknowledged is flawed, has created so much uncertainty that Chariton Valley is unable to plan budgets for 2014 and beyond. These uncertainties are delaying investments that could be made in deploying broadband services in our rural communities and other rural communities across the United States. Simply put, the FCC's efforts are putting the economic recovery of rural communities at risk.

Chariton Valley recently commissioned the Bureau of Economic Research at Missouri State University to conduct an economic impact study of reductions in universal service funding and inter-carrier compensation revenues. Although the study focused exclusively on Chariton Valley, its findings demonstrated the state wide negative economic impacts of the FCC's reforms to be substantial:

- Over the next several years output in Missouri will decline between \$34 and \$41 million dollars depending upon policy decisions the FCC has deferred to the future.
- Employment will diminish by 155 to 187 jobs, with wages declining by over \$9 million dollars to nearly \$11 million dollars during the 2012 – 2020 time period.

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- Federal tax revenues will decline by \$2.05 million to \$2.45 million dollars while state and local tax revenues will fall by \$2 million to \$2.4 million dollars.
- These negative impacts to the Missouri economy will result from the revenue reductions to just one firm, Chariton Valley.

Recently, both the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARCU) and former Senator Byron Dorgan, who was instrumental in writing the 1996 Telecommunications Act, have recommended that the FCC defer use of the QRA, possibly until it is reviewed by the Federal-State Joint Board.

The first rule of reform is to do no harm. Given the concerns raised about reliance on the QRA and the current economic outlook we encourage the FCC to proceed cautiously and avoid the risk of harming rural consumers and communities. We strongly recommend that you follow the advice of state regulators, who understand their communities far better than bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., and suspend implementation of the QRA until it is subjected to further review by the Joint Board in a manner consistent with the Joint Board provisions of the 1996 Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We ask that you restore certainty to the future of telecommunications services, for the sake of our rural communities, rural jobs, rural education, rural medical care and rural economic development.

Sincerely,

The **Co-op Members** and **Customers** of Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation and its subsidiary companies.

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